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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	10/661,171	PORTER ET AL.
	Examiner	Art Unit
	Hoang Dang	3672

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-24 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) 17-24 is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1,15 and 16 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 2-14 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 11 September 2003 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All
 - b) Some *
 - c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>9/11/03 & 11/22/04</u> .	4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____. 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____.
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

1. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

2. Claim 16 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention.

It is not disclosed in the specification what is the element directly above and in contact with sliding sleeve 72 in Figure 6. The specification also fails to disclose the structural relationship between tension sleeve 70 and inner mandrel 14, e.g., how are they connected together? Where is the lowermost end of the inner mandrel 74 in the “run-in” position and in the “stinger-locked” position, respectively?

It appears that the lower end of inner mandrel is connected to the upper end of the tension sleeve 70. But if that is the case then it is not seen how the lower end of the tension sleeve can move into the bore of the packer mandrel 74 to actuate the sliding valve 72 since the inner diameter of the packer mandrel 74 is smaller than the diameter of the tension sleeve 70.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 1, 15 and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Baker (US 3,054,450) (see “outer sleeve” 49; “inner mandrel” 55-59; “first locking means” 50; “biasing means” (pressurized fluid in chamber 81); and “second locking means” 42).
5. Claims 1, 15 and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Edwards (US 4,436,149) (see “outer sleeve” 114; “inner mandrel” 80; “first locking means” 116; “biasing means” (pressurized fluid in chamber 98 and/or spring 138) and “second locking means” 124).

Allowable Subject Matter

6. Claims 2-14 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.
7. Claims 17-24 are allowed.

Claim Objections

8. Claim 17 is objected to because of the following informalities: The words “inner mandrel” in line 8 apparently should be –outer sleeve--. The word “locks” in line 14 should be deleted. Appropriate correction is required.

Specification

9. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: Page 9, line 5, the words "inner mandrel 14" should be --outer sleeve 12--.

Appropriate correction is required.

Drawings

10. The drawings are objected to because there are missing portions between figures 1A and 1B, 1B and 1C, 2A and 2B, 2B and 2C, 3A and 3B and 3B and 3C, respectively (e.g., the lowermost end of figure 1A has 3 concentric tubular members whereas the uppermost end of figure 1B has only 2 concentric tubular members). Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not

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accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Conclusion

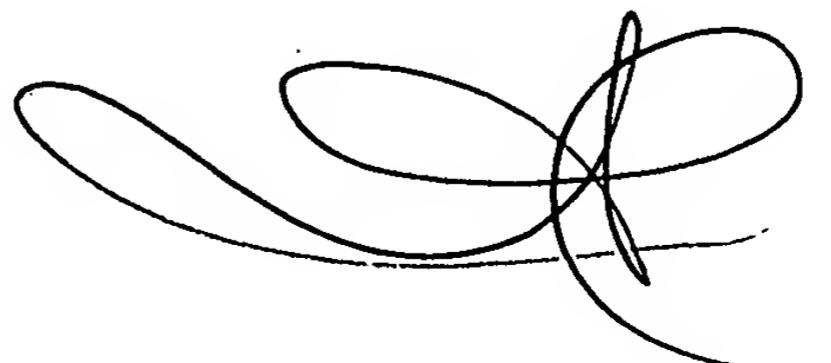
11. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

12. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hoang Dang whose telephone number is 571-272-7028. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:15-5:45 Monday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dave Bagnell can be reached on 571-272-6999. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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Hoang Dang
Primary Examiner
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